

REMARKS

Summary of Office Action

Claims 1-167 were pending in the above-identified patent application.

The Examiner has found that there are allegedly five distinct inventions in the above-identified patent application and has required restriction to one of those inventions.

Applicants' Response

Applicants have amended claims 40-49, 99, 105, 108, 153, 159, and 162 to more particularly define the invention. Applicants have added new claims 168-177. No new matter has been introduced as a result of these amendments.

Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, the invention of Group III (claims 40-49, 99-108, and 153-162) for examination in the above-identified patent application. (This Reply is accompanied by an Amendment and Petition to Correct Inventorship Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(b).) Applicants hereby respectfully reserve the right to pursue the inventions of the non-elected groups, as originally claimed, in one or more divisional applications.

An early and favorable action is respectfully
requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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